

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Applicants hereby request an interview with the Examiner to discuss these arguments and address any questions or reservations or other objections the Examiner may have. At such time, Applicants would also like to discuss with the Examiner suitable language which the Examiner might accept relative to Claims 16-18 to resolve the priority issue with respect to the Wilson patent and the earlier GB priority documents on which the application is based.

In the event that the Examiner is not inclined to entertain the arguments presented, and in view of the subjective nature of assessment of inventive step in this case, which invites application of hindsight, Applicant believes that it would be useful to request the presence of the Supervisor at the interview. Applicants' attorney will contact the Examiner in the next few weeks to arrange for a suitable date and time for this interview once he learns when Applicants will be traveling to the United States for this meeting.